

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 MADRID 00656 271336Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 EURE-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 USIE-00 INRE-00
CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05
PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 MCT-01 MMO-04 IO-13 /072 W
-----271344Z 067108 /43

O R 271210Z JAN 77
FM AMEMBASSY MADRID
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8762
INFO AMEMBASSY BONN
AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS
AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN
AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE
AMEMBASSY LISBON
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY OSLO
AMEMBASSY PARIS
USMISSION NATO
USEC BRUSSELS UNN

UNCLAS MADRID 656

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINT, SP
SUBJECT: FUNERAL OF SLAIN LAWYERS CARRIED OUT WITHOUT INCIDENT; WORK
STOPPAGES IN MADRID AND ELSEWHERE; MINOR STREET INCIDENTS; GOVERNMENT
ANNOUNCES SPECIAL MEASURES; THERE STILL NO NEWS ON VILLAESCUSA

REF: MADRID 633

1. THE MASSIVE FUNERAL PROCESSION FOR THREE OF THE SLAIN
COMMUNIST LAWYERS, ORGANIZED BY BUT BY NO MEANS LIMITED TO
THE PCE, WAS CARRIED OUT WITHOUT INCIDENT JANUARY 26.
ESTIMATES OF THE CROWD SHOWED THE USUAL POLITICAL BIAS IN
RANGING FROM 30-100,000, BUT EMBOFFS NEAR THE DEPARTURE
POINT AGREED MORE WITH THE LOWER FIGURE. THE CROWD,
MOSTLY QUITE YOUNG, MARCHED MOSTLY IN SILENCE TO THE TWO
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 MADRID 00656 271336Z

CEMETERIES USED. ARM-BANDED PCE CROWD MARSHALS (ONE
PAPER SAID THERE WERE 3,000 OF THEM) HELPED KEEP ORDER,
WHILE VERY SIZABLE POLICE CONTINGENTS BOTH LINED THE ROUTE
AND STOOD BY NEARBY. OPPOSITION NOTABLES ATTENDED THE VIGIL
BEFOREHAND, AS DID THE AUXILIARY BISHOP OF MADRID.

2. AFTERWARDS, DEMONSTRATORS CLASHED WITH POLICE IN

VARIOUS PARTS OF THE CITY, BUT THE NUMBERS WERE NOT LARGE AND THE GROUPS WERE EASILY DISPERSED. THERE WERE SEVERAL ARRESTS BUT, ACCORDING TO ALL ACCOUNTS WE HAVE HAD THIS MORNING, NO RPT NO INJURIES.

3. WORK STOPPAGES CONTINUED JANUARY 26, AGAIN AFFECTING MOSTLY THE INDUSTRIAL SECTORS IN MADRID AND THE BASQUE REGION, BUT THE STATE TELEVISION STATION WAS ON SKELETON CREW AND SEVERAL MADRID THEATERS WERE DARK. THE INDUSTRIAL STOPPAGES BROADLY HEWED TO THE ORGANIZERS' CALL FOR SIT-DOWNS ON THE JOB, NOT CONGREGATIONS ON THE STREET. PEACEFUL STOPPAGES IN CATALONIA WERE CALLED FOR JANUARY 27.

4. FOLLOWING THE JANUARY 26 CABINET MEETING, THE GOVT ISSUED A STATEMENT POINTING OUT THE MANDATE PROVIDED BY THE REFERENDUM, DECLARING THAT VIOLENCE-BASED EFFORTS AGAINST THE GOVT AND AIMED AT PROVOKING THE ARMED FORCES WERE BEING CARRIED OUT AT A TIME WHEN THE GOVT WAS STUDYING "PROJECTS OF MAXIMUM APPLICATION OF THE RIGHT OF PARDON GRACIA", NOTING THE ONSET OF ELECTIONS, PRAISING THE CONDUCT OF THE PEOPLE, THE POLITICAL PARTIES, AND THE ARMED FORCES, AND DECLARING ITSELF "INTOLERANT OF VIOLENCE, THREATS, AND CRIME".

5. THE STATEMENT THEN LISTED MEASURES AGREED UPON BY THE CABINET:

- A. PROHIBITION OF ALL PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS "AS LONG AS THE CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES PERSIST";
- B. USE OF PORTIONS (ARTICLES 13 AND 14) STILL IN EFFECT OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 MADRID 00656 271336Z

- LARGELY OVER-TURNED ANTI-TERRORISM DECREE-LAW, EXPANDING TO FIVE (AND WITH THE JUDGE'S PERMISSION, TEN) DAYS TIME POLICE CAN HOLD SOMEONE BEFORE TURNING HIM OVER TO JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES, AND ALLOWING POLICE SEARCH WITHOUT A WARRANT IN TERRORISM CASES IF THE POLICE SUPERVISOR PUTS THE REASONS IN WRITING AND IMMEDIATELY INFORMS THE COMPETENT JUDGE;
- C. INTENSIFICATION OF ACTION AGAINST UNLICENSED WEAPONS AND SEIZURE OF LICENSED ONES WHERE SUSPICION EXISTS;
- D. EXCLUSION OF FOREIGNERS CONNECTED WITH EXTREMIST ORGANIZATIONS OR ACTIVITIES; AND
- E. INCREASED TECHNICAL MEANS FOR THE PUBLIC-ORDER FORCES.

6. THERE WAS STILL NO NEWS REGARDING KIDNAPPED SUPREME MILITARY JUSTICE COUNCIL PRESIDENT VILLAESCUSA NOR OF ANY FURTHER PROGRESS IN THE EFFORT TO IDENTIFY THE LAWYERS' MURDERS. STABLER

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: INTERMENTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 27-Jan-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977MADRID00656
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770029-0932
Format: TEL
From: MADRID
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770113/aaaaalch.tel
Line Count: 113
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: b7c438d0-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 MADRID 633
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 30-Sep-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3486790
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: FUNERAL OF SLAIN LAWYERS CARRIED OUT WITHOUT INCIDENT; WORK STOPPAGES IN MADRID AND ELSEWHERE; MINOR STREET INCIDENTS; GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES SPECIAL MEASURES; THERE STILL NO NEW ON
TAGS: PINT, SP
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/b7c438d0-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009